

I am a Flight Attendant with 27 years of service at Hawaiian Airlines. As a certified Safety Professional conducting inflight duties in compliance with Federal Air Regulations as mandated by the Federal Air Administration (FAA), I am opposed to the NPRM as proposed by the FCC to relax the restrictions of cell phone use onboard an aircraft.

There must be hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments before relaxing the rules can be considered.

On critical phases of the flight (taxi, takeoff, landing, taxi back), as well as, during the flight, cell phone use would enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action and communicate between each other more effectively.

My existing inflight safety duties regarding keeping effective communications within the cabin during emergency evacuations would be compromised if the FCC relaxes the use of cell phones onboard the aircraft.

Finally, imagine you are having a stroke in flight (or any other condition requiring medical attention other than first aid) and cell phones interrupt the wireless communication device between the Flight Attendant, cockpit, and MedLink services on the ground?

I strongly OPPOSE the NPRM as proposed by the FCC to relax the restrictions on cell phone usage onboard an aircraft.

Sincerely,

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